dered and are paid consolidated monthly honorarium calculated on the basis of minimum wages prescribed by the Delhi Administration. This is in conformity with the objectives of the Grih Kalyan Kendra which is to provide to the dependents of Central Government employees some experience for improving their career prospects elsewhere as also to supplement the income of the family for the time being. The employees of the Grih Kalyan Kendra are also free to get themselves registered with the Employment Exchanges to find better jobs elsewhere.

भारत का क्षेत्रफल

1763. **श्री कैलाशपति मिश्र :** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) (1) 1934-35 में, (2) 16 अगस्त, 1947 को, (3) 15 जनवरी, 1948 तथा (4) 1 जनवरी, 1963 को भारत का क्षेत्रफल कितना था और (5) अब कितना है; और

(ख) विभिन्न समयों में क्षेत्रफल में अन्तर होने के क्या कारण हैं ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० आर० नारायणन) : (क) (1) 48,81,339.3 वर्ग किलोमीटर।

(2) 32,63,395 वर्ग किलोमीटर।

(3) आंकड़े संकलित नहीं किए हैं।

(4) 32,68,090 वर्ग किलोमीटर।

(5) 32,87,263 वर्ग किलोमीटर। (अनन्तिम)

(ख) 1934-35 के क्षेत्र में अविभाजित भारत का क्षेत्र शामिल है। 1 जनवरी, 1963 के आंकड़ों में वह क्षेत्र शामिल है जो फ्रांस और पुर्तगाल के अधीन था और जो बाद में भारत का हिस्सा बन गया था। अद्यतन अनन्तिम आंकड़ों में जो क्षेत्र में वृद्धि हुई है उसका कारण है कि अब सर्वेक्षण की बेहतर तकनीक उपलब्ध है जिसकी वजह से भूखंडों बिल्कुल सही और सूक्ष्म होता है। इसके अलावा अंतर्देशीय जल के रूप में कुल खाड़ियों को भी शामिल किया गया है।

Permission by South Africa to meet Winnie Mandela

1764. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether South Africa has given permission to seven Commonwealth personalities, including one from India, to meet Mrs. Winnie Mandela; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The seven-member Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group, including Sardar Swaran Singh is expected to visit South Africa. Three members of the Group, consisting of the former Australian Prime Minister, Mr Malcolm Fraser, the former Nigerian Head of State, Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo, and the President of the World Council of Churches, Dame Nita Barrow, while making a preliminary visit to South Africa in February, are reported to have met government ministers, Members of Parliamnet of the Opposition as well as other leading personalities opposed to the racist regime, including Mrs. Winnie Mandela.

Exchange of cultural delegations

1765. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cultural delegations of India sent abroad during the last two years;

(b) what is the number of countries visited by these delegations;

(c) what is the number of foreign cultural delegations which visited India during the same period; and